(*a*) the copy of the Circular R. O. C. No. 5445/34 dated the 30th July 1934, they have issued to the Heads of Departments;

(*b*) the reasons for issuing the above circular;

(*c*) whether they have received representations protesting against the action of Government in issuing the circular; and

(*d*) if so, how many?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Circular is a confidential one.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Grant-in-aid to Primary Schools.

163. ❋**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of unaided recognised primary schools in the State;

(*b*) the number for which applications for grant-in-aid were received; and

(*c*) the reasons for refusing the aid?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 123.

(*b*) 66.

(*c*) Either want of funds or the fact that the schools did not satisfy the rules regarding sanction of grants.

The Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner.

164. ❋**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner in carrying out the object of the Government in his appointment?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*). Since the date of his assumption of charge on the 1st Kanni 1111, he has been engaged in receiving and considering memoranda from interested organisations and individuals, giving interviews to persons who presented them, and making preliminary arrangements for the collection of necessary statistics and other data connected with his work.

The Public Service Commissioner.

165. ❋**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the period during which the Public Service Commissioner has been at work;

(*b*) whether he has submitted any report or scheme for carrying into effect the object of the Government in his appointment; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the delay?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) Since 26-11-1110 F. N.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Seniority of Officers.

166. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state
(*a*) whether the Government have appointed a Committee to settle the question of the seniority of the Government officers ;
(*b*) who are the members of the Committee ;
(*c*) what is the scope of their enquiry ; and
(*d*) the number of appeals and petitions received by the Government in connection with the seniority of the Government officers during the years 1098 to 1110 M. E.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) No.
(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).
(*c*) the labour involved in collecting the information is out of all proportion to its utility.

Head Clerks in the Magistrates' Courts.

167. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :
(*a*) the number of graduate clerks who were appointed as Head Clerks in the Second Class Magistrates' Courts after 32-10-1109 ; and
(*b*) how many of them have put in more than 10 years' service, with departmental tests to their credit ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) One.
(*b*) Nil.

Groyne and bund on the southern side of the Kulakkada River.

168 ✻**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :
(*a*) whether the construction of the groyne and the bund on the southern side of the Kulakkada river near Arattukadavu at Mavelikara has been completed ;
(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether representations have been received for completing the same without delay to avoid further loss to the cultivators of the adjoining *punja* lands ; and
(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on such representations ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise.

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